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## PRESIDENT NORRIS RESIGNS!

### COLLEGE SEEKS NEW PRESIDENT

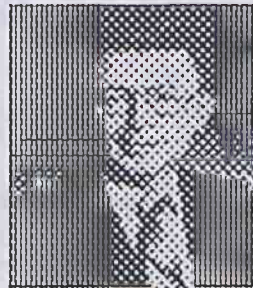
BY KELLY BLACKMAN

Louisburg College President J. Allen Norris announced his resignation, effective June 30, at a faculty meeting on February 6.

Dr. Norris has been nominated by the Council on Finance and Administration of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church to become treasurer/ business manager effective July 1.

President Norris has been president of Louisburg College since 1975. Before accepting the position at Louisburg, Norris was the vice provost and professor of education at Rollins College at Winter Park, Florida.

Louisburg College enjoyed an extraordinary period of growth and development during Dr. Norris's tenure. Each year since 1976, with the exception of the current year, enrollment has increased and the Weekend College has added additional students. Norris has led in doubling the college's endowment, and has



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increased grants and scholarships to benefit students and the stability of the institution.

Several new buildings were constructed on the college's campus while President Norris was here. The E. Hoover Taft Classroom Building opened in 1983 after a highly successful fund raising campaign. In 1989 the Auditorium/Theatre Complex opened, and in 1990 the Franklin Academy Building, the campus's oldest building was restored.

Although Dr. Norris is continuing to work to raise funds for the college, he states that he feels it is time for the college to have new leadership. "But we will be here for sure to July 1," he stated, "And we intend to make the most of it."

### STUDENTS PETITION FOR STDS AWARENESS

BY CRI WALSKI

Concerned about the rate of sexually transmitted diseases on campus, some Louisburg College students have taken it upon themselves to do what they can to spread awareness of safe sexual practices and to ask the school to do something about the issue as well.

Deacon Bankes and Jennifer Bush started a petition asking that condoms be distributed on campus. The petition was signed by four hundred students. According to Deacon, most of the faculty they questioned said that they were in favor of condom distribution.

The petition was presented to the Student Affairs Committee and the matter was put before the whole faculty for a vote on February 6. It was decided to investigate what programs could be instituted on campus to further educate students on the dangers of STDs.